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SUB: GVN COMMUNIQUE ON SHELLING OF BIEN HOA AND FIGHTING IN QUANG DUC

1. SUMMARY: THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) TODAY, NOVEMBER 6, PROTESTING COMMUNIST ATTACKS IN QUANG DUC AND BIEN HOA. ACTION REQUEST: ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THIS TEXT ON TO THE GVN MISSIONS IN THEIR HOST COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: COMMUNIQUE, SAIGON, NOVEMBER 6 1973--
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DIRECTORATE OF PRESS AND INFORMATION, NO: 173/BNG/TTBC/TT. ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM WAS SIGNED IN PARIS SINCE JANUARY 27, 1973, THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY THEIR VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE AND TO SABOTAGE THE PEACE IN SOUTH VIET NAM. SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT CAME INTO EFFECT, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE PERPETRATED 28,711 VIOLATIONS.

3. THE DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION SINCE MORE THAN A MONTH SHOWS THAT, THROUGH THEIR ATTACKS TOUR MORE LAND AND TO CONTROL MORE POPULATION, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE LAID BARE

THEIR SCHEME OF RESUMING THEIR AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTH VIET NAM.

4. A CASE IN POINT IS THE COMMUNIST SHELLING WITH ABOUT 27 ROCKETS OF 122 MM OF THE AREA OF BIEN HOA BASE THIS MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1973, AT 6:00 A.M., SETTING A RESIDENTIAL AREA ON FIRE, KILLING ONE CIVILIAN AND WOUNDING NINE OTHERS, INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN.

5. THIS IS A BLATANT ACT OF WAR, A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973.

6. TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ROCKET SHELLINGS OF BIEN HOA, THE COMMUNISTS HAD COMMITTED STRONG FORCES IN A VIOLENT ATTACK AGAINST TWO MILITARY ADVANCED OUTPOSTS, BU PRANG AND BU DONG (QUANG DUC PROVINCE) AND HAD OVERRUN THEM. THESE FORCES
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COMPRISE MANY UNITS, AMONG THEM THE 271ST INDEPENDENT REGIMENT, MANY BATTALIONS OF REGIONAL SPECIAL FORCES AND SEVERAL UNITS OF HEAVY ARTILLERY AND TANKS.

7. THE DEFENDING FORCES EVACUATED THE BESIEGED MILITARY OUTPOSTS WHILE AWAITING REINFORCEMENT. AS TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION ABOUT TWO THOUSAND INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BU DONG HAVE SOUGHT ASYLUM AT KIEN DUC DISTRICT CAPITAL

(QUANG DUC PROVINCE).

8. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM DENOUNCES BEFORE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THESE ACTS OF AGGRESSION OF THE WARLIKE COMMUNISTS, IN BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, WHICH CLEARLY SHOW THEIR INTENTION TO RESUME THEIR WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTH VIET NAM.

9. ONCE AGAIN, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM DEMANDS THAO THE COMMUNISTS IMMEDIATELY END THEIR ACTS OF SABOTAGING THE PEACE, AND REASSERTS THAT THE COMMUNISTS MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTS OF AGGRESSION. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM RETAINS ITS RIGHT TO TAKE EVERY ADEQUATE MEASURE TO PROTECT ITS ARMED FORCES AND ITS POPULATION. END TEXT.
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